

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to The Board's decision.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11 and 12, now renumbered as 1 and 2 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 04 July 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 25.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Patric J. Rawlins (Reg. No. 47,887) on 08/01/2005 and 08/02/2005.

2. The application have been amended as follows:

Please cancel claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 15-16, 19-20 and 23-24.

Please replace claim 11 with the following:

cl ~~11.~~ A computer implemented method for peer review over a communications network, comprising:

- receiving an article from an author via a communications network;
- extracting context information from the article;
- querying a database containing profiles of potential reviewers to determine a plurality of qualified reviewers based on the extracted context information;
- ranking the plurality of qualified reviewers;
- contacting each qualified reviewer and requesting that the qualified reviewer agrees to review the article;
- receiving an agreement from one or more qualified reviewers;

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- providing the article to an accepting qualified reviewer;
- providing an evaluation form to the accepting qualified reviewer;
- receiving a completed evaluation form from the accepting qualified reviewer, wherein the accepting qualified reviewer completes the evaluation form online and each accepting qualified reviewer for an article has access to completed evaluation forms of other accepting qualified reviewers after submitting an evaluation form for the same article;
- providing the author with the completed evaluation form;
- receiving a response from the author directly in the completed evaluation form;
- providing the completed evaluation form with author responses to an editor;
- receiving a publication decision from the editor; and
- providing the publication decision to the author and the reviewer.

Please replace claim 12 with the following:

12. A computer implemented method for peer review over a communications network, comprising:

- receiving an article from an author via a communications network;
- extracting context information from the article;

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querying a database containing profiles of potential reviewers to determine a plurality of qualified reviewers based on the extracted context information;

ranking the plurality of qualified reviewers;

contacting each qualified reviewer and requesting that the qualified reviewer agrees to review the article;

receiving an agreement from one or more qualified reviewers;

providing the article to an accepting qualified reviewer;

providing an evaluation form to the accepting qualified reviewer;

receiving a completed evaluation form from the accepting qualified reviewer, wherein the accepting qualified reviewer completes the evaluation form online, each accepting qualified reviewer for an article has access to completed evaluation forms of other accepting qualified reviewers after submitting an evaluation form for the same article, and each accepting qualified reviewer can set access privileges for a section of the reviewer's completed evaluation form;

providing the author with the completed evaluation form;

receiving a response from the author directly in the completed evaluation form;

providing the completed evaluation form with author responses to an editor;

receiving a publication decision from the editor; and

providing the publication decision to the author and the reviewer.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu V. Huynh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4126. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen S. Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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